(b) During 1991-92 Films Division assigned 16 films jo private produ cers on contract basis which included 9 featurettes and 7 documentary films.

(c) The total amount spent during the year 1991-92 'for the production of films through private producers by Films Division was Rs. 60,37,279/- which included expenditure on the films which were carried over from the previous years.

Ramanujam Committee recommendations

1586. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE; SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA- Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the decisions taken by Government on the basis of Ramanujam Committee recommendations for restructuring the labour laws and improving industrial relations- indicating the recommendations on which no decision or action has so far been taken and also those rejected by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): The report of the Bamanujam Committee on new industrial relations law is not entirely unanimous. The report was considered by the 40th Labour Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi on 6-2-1992. The Conference decided that the decommenda-tions of the Committee which are unanimous may be accepted and a Group of five State Labour Ministers may be appointed to examine the areas of disagreement in the said report with a view to arriving at a consensus. In pursuance of this decision a Group consisting of Labour Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh under the chairmanship of Minister of State for Coal and Labour has been constituted. The Group met on 25th April and 1st June 1992 and discussed the contentious issues in the Ramanujan Committee Report. The Group has yet to finalise its report for consideration by the Indian Labour Conference scheduled to be held in August, 199?,

Hike in retrenchment and closure benefits to Workers

1587. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Gov ernment panel has suggested hike in retrenchment and closure benefits to industrial workers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the States where new scheme has been accepted and names of those States which have not accepted the scheme with the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The 40th Labour Ministers Conference held on 6.2.1992 decided to constitute a Group of Labour Ministers of five States under the chair-mahsnip of Union Minister of State for Coal and Labour to further consider the recommendations of the bipartite committee on new Industrial Relations Legislation which was headed by Shri G. Ramanujam and had submitted its report earlier to the Government. The Group of Labour Ministers in their meeting held on 1st June 1992 decided ,to recommend, inter *alia,* that the compensation to workers be increased from 15 to 45 days wages' in the case of closure and retrenchment for every completed year of continuous service. The group is yet to finalise its report for consideration by the Indian Labour Conference scheduled to be held in the last week of August, 1992.

Violation of Labour Laws in Stone Quarries in M.P.

1588. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report